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Governor Musgrove Requests Assistance for DeSoto County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has requested a disaster area declaration in DeSoto County as a result of last week's violent storms. Musgrove made the request today in a letter to the Small Business Administration office in Atlanta.

"Preliminary assessments indicate that 55 homes were destroyed or received major damage, and it is important to get assistance to these families as soon as possible," Musgrove said. "I expect a positive response from the SBA, and the rebuilding process can get underway as soon as possible."

Musgrove declared a state of emergency on July 22 as the storm moved across north Mississippi, allowing state resources to be utilized for assistance to residents of the area.

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